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To: Joel Boyd, Superintendent; James Hall, COO

From: Billie Jo Turner, Assistant Superintendent of Finance/CFO

RE: Response to Motion on Tutors Budgeted

Date: June 1, 2023

In response to motion by Eileen Del Rossi on 3/15/23 to "request the Superintendent to report on the allocation of ESSER funds in relation to the status of the tutors throughout the district and what the trajectory over the next fiscal year looks for tutor employment.

ESSER dollars were used to increase school allocations each year. The school site councils work together and have the autonomy to decide how to spend their ESSER funds after meeting the guardrails (must have positions). Tutors are not considered a must have yet are very much sought after by the schools. Most schools use their excess funds to hire more Tutors since they find them very beneficial to have the educated and credentialed staff to support student learning. Per the first table below, the current year has 129 tutors funded by general funds, 32 from grants and 28 from ESSER. Six additional tutors were budgeted for next year per the second table see below.

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Tutors - Intervention / Enrichment (15 hrs/wk)	70.0	S	1,764,000	18.0	S	453,600	28.0	S	705,600
Tutors - English Language Learners	6.0	S	181,440	14.0	S	423,360	0.0	S	-
Tutors - 18 hrs/wk	41.9	S	1,267,056	0.0	S	-	0.0	S	-
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Tutors - Intervention / Enrichment (15 hrs/wk)	75.0	S	1,890,000	18.0	S	453,600	28.0	S	740,000
Tutors - English Language Learners	0.0	S	-	18.0	S	544,320	0.0	S	-
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